**GRAYSLAKE, IL** – Today, Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) applauded the efforts of Lake County's Reserve Deputies at the Lake County Sheriff's Emergency Services Reserve Deputy Association Annual Appreciation Dinner. Bean joined men and women in uniform from throughout Lake County at the yearly event to celebrate and honor the Reserve Deputy Unit.

Bean thanked and commended the Lake County's Reserve Deputies for their service to the people of Lake County, pointing to the fact that they volunteer their time to train and then serve in their communities as peace officers, whether in time of an emergency or simply on a day when Sheriff Department resources are spread thin. Bean also emphasized that the Reserve Deputies are tremendous assets to their communities, both through their regular careers as well as their additional, voluntary efforts for the Sheriff's Department.

The Reserve Deputy Unit is a supplementary force of volunteer Deputies who support and assist the efforts of the Sheriff's Office in times of emergencies. Reserve Deputies also commonly assist local governments and charitable organizations with traffic and crowd control. The unit is currently authorized to have 50 reserve deputies.

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